

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Monto H. KUMAGAI, et.al.

Application No. 09/359,300

Filed: July 21, 1999



For: **METHOD OF DETERMINING THE  
PRESENCE OF A TRAIT IN A PLANT  
BY TRANSFECTING A NUCLEIC  
ACID SEQUENCE OF A NON-PLANT  
DONOR INTO A HOST PLANT IN A  
POSITIVE ORIENTATION**

Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Leffers Jr., G.

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2000. The response is submitted prior to or including the extended due date of **September 26, 2000**. A petition for two-month extension of time and the requisite fee is enclosed herewith. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments and reconsider the application.

THE AMENDMENTIn the Specification

On page 22, line 8, after "No." change "—" to --09 359,303--.

On page 43, line 2, after "FIGURE 3" add --(SEQ. ID. NOS: 13 AND 14)--.

On page 45, line 7, change "(SEQ ID NO: 13)" to --(SEQ ID NO. 15)--.

On page 45, line 9, change "(SEQ ID NO: 14)" to --(SEQ ID NO. 16)--.